

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A window was broken in a house at Crosshead Road, this is being treated as a Vandalism.

There have been no further issues, since the last meeting, in relation to dogs entering fields with sheep in them, I would like to thank the dog walking community for their co-operation in resolving this matter.

There have been fish sellers with the village, which generated a number of calls from residents. The van was traced and found to be doing nothing illegal. However the people who were with the van are not the type of people we want entering the area without our knowledge, so it was good to trace them. ** I would like to point out that these males ARE NOT linked to the regular fish monger who is very much above board **

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Road Safety

There has been one non-reportable road accident since the last meeting.

Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety.

The issues in relation to vehicles parked on the A809 near to the Devil's Pulpit are still ongoing, however appear to have abated over recent months, as a result of the poorer weather. Officers will continue to monitor this area as is believed that the better weather will see a return of high visitor numbers.

There have been a number of meetings and conversations held over the winter months involving all or some of the various parties, who find themselves involved in the issues at this location. From a policing point of view, vehicles parked dangerously or causing an obstruction, as before, will be uplifted by the police and the owners charged accordingly.

The actions of people requiring rescue from the gorge will now be subject of police investigation. If it is found their actions constitute the Common Law Crime of Reckless Conduct, they will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal at Stirling for consideration of prosecution. This crime is committed by someone whose actions show utter disregard for what the consequences of the action in question may be, leading to injury. OR Circumstances are such as to give rise to a reasonable inference that persons may be injured. Instances leading to persons being charged with this crime will be publicised and it is hoped that this tougher stance will make people think more about what they are doing when they attend the gorge.

The area has been extensively monitored by local police, since the last meeting. This has resulted in a number of drivers being warned regarding their parking. Two fixed penalty tickets have also been issued for dangerous parking.

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Theft

There has been a house breaking on Gartness Road and jewellery stolen from an unlocked house in Station Road. I would remind residents to make sure their premises are secure, even when they are home. Please make sure valuables, car keys and house keys are not easily accessible.

The issues in the Strathblane/Dumgoyne/Stockiemuir area, where remote sheds and outbuilding are being targeted are still ongoing and I would ask everyone to remain vigilant in relation to their home and vehicles.

This problem is not confined to Stirlingshire, but is an ongoing issue in East and West Dunbartonshire as well. I would ask that you report any suspicious persons or activity to the police.

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Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Scott Craigie and PC Gary Martin are based at Balfroon Police Office and can be contacted at the police office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. He has access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

Gary Martin is a very experienced officer with a background in community Policing. He will be an asset to the role.

Social Media

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision
www.facebook.com/policescotland

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol
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Other Incidents / Activity of note

Rural Watch Scotland

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and Forth valley Rural Crime Group aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and members responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

- Log onto www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

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Neighbourhood Alert.

This is a community messaging system which sends alerts regarding crime, safety and resilience to communities. Ruralwatch is an information platform that has been set up by what was formerly Neighbourhood Watch, however the big difference being that any members of the local community can sign up to have the relevant alerts sent to them by various means including E-mail or Text message. To receive free alerts simply register at:

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

INTERNET SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that internet messages are being received within the village from an unknown source. The message suggests that the recipient has been caught in a compromising position in their web cam and demands money or the images will be shared with all the recipients' internet contacts. This is a nation wide scam and anyone receiving this message should just delete it.

Issues raised

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